(b) The total project cost of Tamil Nadu Agricultural Development Project is Rs. 3108.9 million (equivalent to U.S. 134.0 million). Assistance/ loan from the World Bank in the project is U.S. 117.5 million.

कृषि एक उद्योग के रूप में

1483. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार कृषि को उद्योग का दर्जा देने के किसी प्रस्ताव पर विचार कर रही है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुल्लापल्ली रामचंद्रन) : (क) और (ख) भारत सरकार ने कृषि को उद्योग के रूप में घोषित करने से संबंधित मुद्दे पर विचार करने के लिये श्री भानुप्रताप सिंह की अध्यक्षता में एक सलाहकार समिति का गठन किया था । इस विषय से संबंधित समिति की सिफारिशों पर विचार किया जा रहा है ।

Perspective Plan for land resources

1484. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a draft perspective Plan for conservation, management and development of land resources was considered at the Conference of State Agriculture Ministers held on October 21 1991;

(b) if so, the salient features of the draft Plan and whether the same was adopted at the Conference; if so, the details of modifications, if any; and

(c) the steps being taken in furtherance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) A National Consultation for formulation of a Perspective Plan for the Conservation, Development & Management of land resources of the country was held on 21st to 24th October, 1991 at New Delhi. This was inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Agriculture and was attended by Senior officials of Central Ministries|Deptt.|Organisation Agri. Production Commt.|Develop Commn. and other senior officers of State Governments eminent Scientists, experts and Project Coordinators of six zones of the country engaged in the Preparation of Zonal Perspective Plan. (PP).

(b) and (c) As a follow up action of the National Consultation, State level Consultation have been planned for the formulation of State Perspective Plans and finalisation of Zonal Plan. Based on the Zonal plans, Draft National P.P. for conservation, Development & Management of Land Resources of the country will be prepared.

Relief to Handloom weavers in drought affected areas

1485. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated guidelines to provide relief to handloom weavers and other classes of artisans and agricultural workers in drought affected areas; and

(b) what are the proposals Government are considering to help handloom weavers, who remain unemployed for 15 days or more due to one reason or the other?